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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN MILITARY ADVISORS ARRIVE IN SEYCHELLES

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1. TEAM OF TANZANIAN MILITARY ADVISORS ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES JUNE 22 ON BOARD A MOZAMBICAN DETA 737. AIRCRAFT ALSO DISCHARGED NUMBER OF CRATES WHICH, ACCORDING MINISTER OF WORKS LOIZEAU, CONTAINED LARGE QUANTITY OF SMALL ARMS AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT. AIRPORT AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT FLIGHT CAME FROM DAR ES SALAMM.

2. IN JUNE 23 MEETING, LOIZEAU TOLD ME ADVISORS WERE ALL OFFICERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM TANZANIAN ARMY AND WOULD REMAIN IN SEYCHELLES FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO PROVIDE MILITARY TRAINING FOR RECENTLY ESTABLISHED PEOPLE'S MILITIA. IN ADDITION,
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LOIZEAU SAID TANZANIANS WOULD TRAIN "ARMY" WHICH EDUCATION MINISTER HODOUL MENTIONED WOULD SOON BE ESTABLISHED (REFTEL A). PRECISE SIZE OF TANZANIAN PRESENCE UNKNOWN. BRITISH AIRWAYS SOURCE TELLS US 33 PASSENGERS DISEMBARKED. ACCORDING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, TOTAL OF 27 BEDS HAVE BEEN SET UP FOR TANZANIANS IN VACANT RESIDENCES OF FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE AND TWO BRITISH POLICE ADVISORS WHO WERE DEPORTED AFTER JUNE 5 COUP D'ETAT.

3. AIRCRAFT WAS MET BY HODOUL, INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER BERLOUIS
AND POLICE COMMISSIONER PILLAY.

4. COMMENT: RECENT INFUSION OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF MILITARY
HARDWARE FROM COMOROS AND TANZANIA AND INTRODUCTION OF TANZANIAN
MILITARY ADVISORS HAS FURTHER STRENGTHENED ABILITY OF NEW GOVERNMENT
TO MAINTAIN CONTROL AND DEFEND AGAINST POSSIBLE EXTERNAL INTERVENTION

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ACTUAL QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF WEAPONS INTRODUCED IS UNCLEAR. SIZE OF
CRATES SUGGEST NOTHING LARGER THAN MOTOR-SIZED WEAPONS HAVE BEEN
SUPPLIED-AT LEAST IN ASSEMBLED FORM.

5. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PREDICTABLY
EVASIVE IN FURNISHING DETAILS ON EXTERNAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE,
FACT THAT AIRCRAFT ARE BEING OFF-LOADED AND CONTENTS TRANSPORTED
THROUGH TOWN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT INDICATE THAT RENE BELIEVES HIS
INTEREST BEST SERVED BY MAXIMIZING AWARENESS OF HIS ENHANCED MILITARY
CAPABILITY.

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